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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am enclosing a check under separate cover for your book entitled: "Whitewash-the Report on the Warren Report". I have read a good deal of the book already and am impressed by the scrupulousness with which you have reached your conclusions. I came across your book when it was loaned to me by Dave Lifton and I began reading it and found it absorbed my attention throughout. I will let you know more about my impressions of the book after I have finished reading it but in the meantime I do wish to comment on some of the statements you made in the conclusion of your book that merit your consideration. (Please refer to your statements beginning in the middle of page 189).

To begin with, let me say that like yourself I agree with your conclusion that Oswald could not have assassinated the President in the manner described by the Warren Commission and that all the evidence points to two or more assassins that actually performed the murder. I have no quarrel with you on that score.

But it is in your plea to conduct an investigation that would be led by Congress that I have serious doubts. How can Congress adequately discharge this responsibility when it is under the thumb of Johnson and is privy to his dictums? Moreover, there are members in Congress who are connected with the CIA and only a few members of Congress know who they are. Since, undoubtedly, the CIA would come up in any investigation by Congress, how could we be sure that a Congressman on that investigating committee was not associated with the CIA apart from the fact that he would not want to go against

the Johnson Administration? What I am saying is that any Congressman would be suspect. One could never be sure that he was really interested in getting to the bottom of the whole case even though he may appear on the surface to be going through the motions. Even now we see Senator Russell trying to block an investigation of the CIA and he was a member of the Warren Commission! Would you or anyone know whether any Congressmen is under the thumb of the CIA? Does anyone except a handful of men know who these are even inside the government?

Congress had an excellent opportunity to carry out just such an investigation when Senator Robert Kennedy could have done so. He would have lent his great prestige and office as Senator from an important electoral state to such an investigation. But the fact is that he did not do so and moreover neither did his brother Ted who also has a vested interest in this case if only because it was his brother who was killed. Both, however, maintain a stony silence. Bobby, in fact, boasted that he had never read the report and didn't intend to. But privately he is conducting his own investigation and has gotten hold of information that directly contradicts the Warren Report without even raising so much as a stir about what he knows.

No, I am afraid that nothing will be done by such a Congressional investigation as much as I would like it to. It would only whitewash the mess further. What I think should be done is to build forces to force public opinion to exert pressure to have a body of experts named to a committee that would be made up of distinguished men and those people, like yourself, who have conducted an investigation could do what the Warren Commission failed to and a Congressional committee dared not to --that is finding out who really killed President Kennedy.

Sincerely,

Harold Verb